Years	*Number of Cases Filed*
1988	2207
1989	1810
1990	1956

(c) and (d). The number of cases pending in various courts in Delhi as on 30th April, 1991 was 9145 cases. The MCD has taken certain steps for early disposal of these cases. These steps include the reorganisation and the augmentation of their Legal Cell for vigorous prosecution and the appointment of a committee for settling cases out of court where the assessees so desire.

Drug Abuse in Delhi

6929. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister os HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-items captioned "Kasta Hua Shikanja Madak Padarthon Ka" appearing in the "Navbharat Times" dated August, 9, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the drug menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A news-item captioned "Kasta Hua Shikanja Madak Padarthon Ka" appeared in the Navbharat Times dated August 9, 1991. The news-items stated that trafficking in drugs was on the increase.

(b) and (c). The Government have taken various legislative, administrative and preventive measures to counter the drug trafficking situation in the country. The punishment for offences relating to drug trafficking has been made deterrent.

[*English*]

Latest Arms for Para-Military Forces

6930. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide the latest arms to Para-Military Forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the forces to which such arms are proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Government has been reviewing the requirements of weapons of Para-Military Forces from time to time and it has made available the sophisticated arms to Border police, Assam Rifles and Central Industrial Security Force keeping in view their requirements.

S.T.D. Facility in Alleppey District in Kerala

6931. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide STD facility in various telephone exchanges in Alleppey District of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pulincunnu & S.L. Puram are proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1991-92.

The remaining exchanges of Alleppy district are planned to be provided with the S.T.D. facility progressively during the 8th plan period.

Coconut Plantation in Andhra Pradesh

6932. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally sponsored Schemes for promotion of coconut plantations are under operation in Andhra Pradesh particularly in "Kanaseema Area";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the achievement made under these schemes so far; and

(d) the action plan drawn to bring more area under Coconut plantation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Coconut Development Board since 1982-83 has been implementing the following programmes for promotion of coconut cultivation in Andhra Pradesh including "Kanaseema area" in the State:

i) Production and distribution of TXD hybrid seedlings;

ii) Expansion of area under coconut;

iii) Providing assistance for irrigation facilities to coconut growers;

iv) Removal of Tatipaka disease affected palms in Andhra Pradesh; and

v) Establishment of regional coconut nursery.

(c) The achievement made under these programmes so far are: i) Production and distribution of 2.0 lakh TXD hybrid coconut seedlings to needy growers; ii) Additional area of 1600 ha. brought under coconut by extending subsidy for fresh planting to farmers; iii) Installation of 250 irrigation pumpsets by providing subsidy to farmers; iv) Removal of 3000 Tatipaka disease affected palms by extending subsidy to farmers; and v) Establishment of one regional coconut nursery in the State with 50 percent financial participation by the State Government.

(d) It is planned to plant coconut in additional 150 ha. in the State under the Area Expansion Programme of the Board during 1991-92.

Bureau FAX Service in Maharashtra

6933. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau FAX Service has been started at a number of stations in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such stations in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of such stations likely to be started during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.